

year, the budget for the year in terms of outlays had risen to \$1,381,000,000,000. Trust funds we were into to the tune of \$113 billion. The real deficit was \$403 billion, and our gross Federal debt had moved to \$4 trillion. The interest alone, Mr. Speaker, at that point had come to \$292 billion.

I submit that we are not making any changes in that except for the budget that President Clinton put forward. Whatever fault President Clinton may be assigned by the Republican majority, they can not deny, or rather should not deny, obviously they can if they wish, but it would be a political statement as opposed to a statement which is borne out by the facts, the fact is that the budget deficit and the rate of the deficit has gone down under President Clinton. We can have arguments about that, whether that is a good thing or a bad thing in terms of the overall prosperity of the Nation.

On the whole, there seems to be agreement that it has been a good thing. The economy as a whole has prospered, if this has not been shared, as my good friend, the gentleman from New York [Mr. OWENS], has indicated in remarks just previous to my own, but that remains another issue to be resolved.

The facts are that in terms of the deficit, in terms of the rate and the absolute numbers of the deficit, President Clinton has succeeded to this point.

So now comes Mr. GINGRICH with his contract, saying the budget will be balanced and picking this number. Now, it may be fair. And, Mr. Speaker, at this juncture to indicate that in future discussions, hopefully with other Members who feel as I do, that I will be indicating to you how it might be, how a genuine deficit reduction, debt reduction and balancing of the budget can take place.

There are no magic formulas involved. There is no sleight of hand, no legerdemain, no David Copperfield illusions to it. It is a tough, hard road to go, and it is lengthy. It will take discipline of many Congresses, not just whatever time the good people of this country might give to you or to me, Mr. Speaker, to be here. It involves separating capital expenditures from operating expenditures, just the way you do in your own family, just the way we do and did and do now in the city council in Honolulu on which I served, just the way we did and do now in the State legislature in the State of Hawaii, and I am sure you do in your area, Mr. Speaker.

I guess my timing was pretty good then as I got to my conclusion about what is to be done. We will be bringing forward that proposition, Mr. Speaker, about the sensible way to solve the problem of long-term debt, of balancing the budget with using true and honest figures and not raiding or embezzling money, as the late Senator John Heinz put it, money from the Social Security trust fund.

With that, Mr. Speaker, it remains only to say this: that if we are going to

use honest numbers and we truly want to balance the budget, let us do it forthrightly, let us do it honestly, let us not try and fool the American people. Let us see to it that we are able to bring forward a budget that we can stand here and say with veracity to the American people: We have truly acted in your interest.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ACKERMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of personal business.

Mr. HOSTETTLER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. ABERCROMBIE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DOGGETT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 60 minutes, today.

Ms. MCKINNEY, for 60 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 60 minutes, today.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE, for 60 minutes, today.

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, for 60 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. TIAHRT) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, for 5 minutes each day on December 5 and December 6.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. TIAHRT) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. MARTINI, in three instances.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

Mr. ISTOOK.

Mr. SPENCE.

Mr. BARTON of Texas.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. HUTCHINSON.

Mr. BEREUTER.

Mr. HUNTER.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BERMAN.

Mr. TEJEDA.

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. FOGLIETTA.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois.

Ms. DELAURO.

Mr. POSHARD.

Ms. FURSE.

Mr. SERRANO.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ABERCROMBIE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. CONYERS.

Mr. LEVIN.

Mr. FIELDS of Texas.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. RICHARDSON.

Mr. PORTER.

Mr. MFUME.

Mr. ROEMER.

Mr. FARR.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan.

Ms. PELOSI.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1341. An act to provide for the transfer of certain lands to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the city of Scottsdale, Arizona, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources and the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2519. An act to facilitate contributions to charitable organizations by codifying certain exemptions from the Federal securities laws, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 2525. An act to modify the operation of the antitrust laws, and of State laws similar to the antitrust laws, with respect to charitable gift annuities.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2491. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, December 4, 1995, at 12 noon.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE NOTICE

Notices of Proposed Rulemaking: For the text of the Notices of Proposed

Rulemaking regarding the extension of the rights and protections of various federal statutes made applicable by the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995, see page S17603-17664 of the RECORD dated November 28, 1995. The 30-day period for public comment on these proposed regulations ends December 28, 1995.

For the text of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding the procedural rules of the Office of Compliance, see pages S17012-17019 of the RECORD dated November 14, 1995. The 30-day period for public comment on these proposed rules ends December 14, 1995.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1726. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Rural Performance Partnership Initiative Act of 1995"; to the Committee on Agriculture.

1727. A letter from the Assistant Secretary (Legislative Affairs and Public Liaison), Department of the Treasury, transmitting notification of a 1-week extension for the monthly report that is to be made pursuant to the Mexican Debt Disclosure Act of 1995, pursuant to Public Law 104-6, section 404(a) (109 Stat. 90); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1728. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the first annual report of compliance by FDIC-supervised institutions, pursuant to Public Law 103-325, section 529(a) (108 Stat. 2266); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1729. A letter from the Deputy and Acting CEO, Resolution Trust Corporation, transmitting the corporation's semiannual comprehensive litigation report and the corporations semiannual progress report on professional conduct investigations, pursuant to Public Law 103-204, section 3(a) (107 Stat. 2374); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1730. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting final regulations—student assistance general provisions regulations—Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act [EADA], pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(d)(1); to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

1731. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting notification that the Department intends to expand foreign policy export controls on specifically designed implements of torture, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. app. 2405(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

1732. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Egypt for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 96-17), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

1733. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB estimate of the amount of change in outlays or receipts, as the case may be, in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2000 resulting from passage of H.R. 1103, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388-582); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1734. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB estimate of the amount of change in outlays or receipts, as the case may be, in each fiscal year through fiscal year 2000 resulting from passage of H.R. 2394, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388-582); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1735. A letter from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting the list of all report issued or released in October 1995, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 719(h); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1736. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general for the period April 1, 1995, through September 30, 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) Sec. 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1737. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the inspector general for the period April 1, 1995, through September 30, 1995, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) Sec. 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1738. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of discretionary new budget authority and outlays for the current year, if any, and the budget year provided by H.R. 1905 and H.R. 2002, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388-578); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1739. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting OMB's estimate of the amount of discretionary new budget authority and outlays for the current year, if any, and the budget year provided by H.R. 2020 and H.R. 2492, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 13101(a) (104 Stat. 1388-578); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1740. A letter from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting the Commission's annual report in compliance with the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) Sec. 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1741. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the quarterly report of receipts and expenditures of appropriations and other funds for the period July 1, 1995, through September 30, 1995, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 104a (H. Doc. No. 104-139); to the Committee on House Oversight and ordered to be printed.

1742. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the 13th annual report of accomplishments under the Airport Improvement Program for the fiscal year 1994, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. app. 2203 (b)(2), to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 826. A bill to extend the deadline for the completion of certain land exchanges involving the Big Thicket National Preserve in Texas; with an amendment (Rept. 104-371). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 308. A bill to

provide for the conveyance of certain lands and improvements in Hopewell Township, PA, to a nonprofit organization known as the Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development to provide a site for economic development (Rept. 104-372). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. MOORHEAD: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 632. A bill to enhance fairness in compensating owners of patents used by the United States (Rept. 104-373). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. MOORHEAD: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1295. A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to make certain revisions relating to the protection of famous marks; with an amendment (Rept. 104-374). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. QUILLEN: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 287. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1350) to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 to revitalize the U.S.-flag merchant marine, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-375). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. ROYCE:

H.R. 2692. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for deductible contributions to medical finance accounts and to reform the earned income credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COOLEY:

H.R. 2693. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Hells Canyon Wilderness in the States of Oregon and Idaho to exclude an established Forest Service road inadvertently included in the wilderness; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. DINGELL (for himself, Mr. FLANAGAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MCINNIS, and Mr. SALMON):

H.R. 2694. A bill to provide that it shall be a Federal crime to misappropriate a person's name in connection with lobbying; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KLINK:

H.R. 2695. A bill to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. MINGE:

H.R. 2696. A bill to extend and revise the agricultural price support programs for rice, upland cotton, feed grains, wheat, and oilseeds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. PORTER, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. MFUME, Mr. FRAZER, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. WYNN, Mr. CHABOT, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. SALMON):

H.R. 2697. A bill to impose sanctions against Nigeria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Banking and Financial Services, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.